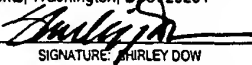


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Steven L. Wechsler, Anthony B. Nesburn, Guey-Chuen Perng, John S. Yu and Keith L. Black
Serial No. Unassigned
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For: A HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE 1 (HSV-1)-DERIVED VECTOR FOR SELECTIVELY INHIBITING MALIGNANT CELLS AND FOR EXPRESSING DESIRED TRAITS IN MALIGNANT AND NON-MALIGNANT MAMMALIAN CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a divisional application of pending U.S. Serial No. 09/299,817, filed April 26, 1999. The divisional application filed herewith is directed to Claims 120-178, originally filed in parent U.S. Serial No. 09/299,817, which claims were designated Group IV in a restriction requirement, mailed August 1, 2000. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

A Version With Markings To Show Changes Made is included beginning at page 6, after Applicant's Remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Title, at page 1, lines 1-2, please delete "A HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE 1 (HSV-1)-DERIVED VECTOR FOR SELECTIVELY INHIBITING MALIGNANT CELLS AND METHODS FOR ITS USE TO TREAT CANCERS AND TO EXPRESS DESIRED TRAITS IN MALIGNANT AND NON-MALIGNANT MAMMALIAN CELLS", and insert therefor: